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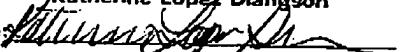
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TOTAL CLAIMS	8	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
() FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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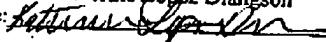
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Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 8 December 2003, having a three-month statutory period expiring 8 March 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.